



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

SIMPSON, et al.

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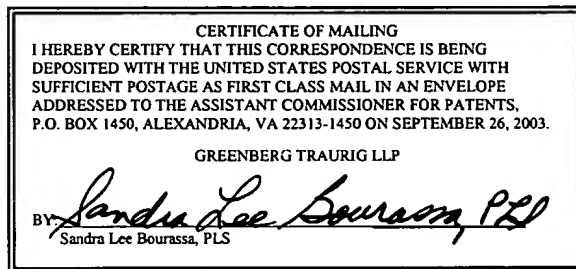
Atty. File No.: 08998-00693

For: "IMPROVED MAST FOR A
FORK LIFT"

) Group Art Unit: 3652

) Examiner: Thuy Van Tran

) RESPONSE



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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of March 26, 2003. Applicants also submit herewith a request for a five (5) month extension of time and a check for \$985.00 for the extension fee.

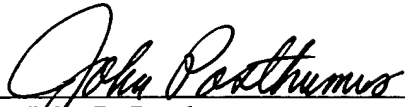
REMARKS

The Examiner has found that Claims 1-46 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121. Applicants thus hereby elect Claim Set I, which includes Claims 1-14, 16-29 and 32-46, drawn to a mast for fork lift truck, classified in class 187, subclass 226. In addition, Applicants hereby cancel Claims Set II and III, which include Claims 15, 30, and 31.

In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 303-572-6572.

Respectfully submitted,

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